

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS (NCAPA) ORGANIZATIONS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC)

- The National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium works to advance the legal and civil rights of Asian Pacific Americans through litigation, public education and public policy. A nationally recognized voice on behalf of Asian Pacific Americans, NAPALC focuses its expertise on anti-Asian violence prevention and education, voting rights, immigration, naturalization, affirmative action, language rights and the census. NAPALC is affiliated with the APA Legal Center (APALC) in Los Angeles, the Asian Law Caucus (ALC) in San Francisco, and the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALFDEF) in New York City.

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Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), AFL-CIO

- APALA is the first and only organization of Asian American and Pacific Islander (API) trade unionists. APALA has emerged as a voice for API workers in the labor movement, in the community, in the media, and in the political process. APALA chapters are in Alameda County, Torrance, San Diego, San Francisco, and San Jose, CA, Chicago, Honolulu, Detroit, Brooklyn Park, MN, New York City, Tigard, OR, Seattle, Olympia, and Washington, D.C.

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Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)

- To promote advocacy, collaboration and leadership that improves the health status and access of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders within the United States, its territories and freely associated states, primarily through our member community health clinics. Our vision is to establish a standard of excellence for community based health care that is equitable, affordable, accessible and culturally and linguistically appropriate to the people we serve. Member organizations are located in cities with high concentrations of medically underserved Asian Pacific Islanders. Centers are in the cities of Oakland, Los Angeles, and National City, CA, Hilo, Honolulu, Waianae, and Waimanalo, HI, Worcester and Boston, MA, New York City, and Seattle.

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Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA)

- The OCA is a national non-profit, non-partisan advocacy organization whose primary objectives include: Promoting active participation of Asian Pacific Americans in both civic and national matters; Securing social justice, equal opportunity, and equal treatment of Asian Pacific Americans; Eliminating prejudices, stereotypes and ignorance, and promoting the cultural heritage of Chinese and other API groups. OCA includes 44 chapter organizations nationwide.

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Member Organizations

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Asian American Institute

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Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS)

- APAICS seeks to build a politically empowered Asian Pacific American population, to be the political pipeline for Asian Pacific Americans to enter and advance into elected office and to act as a resource to Congress about the APA community.

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Asian Pacific Partners for Empowerment and Leadership (APPEAL)

- Asian Pacific Partners for Empowerment and Leadership (APPEAL) is a national social justice network of organizations and individuals working towards a tobacco-free Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

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Chinese American Citizens Alliance (CACA)

- The Chinese American Citizens Alliance (CACA) was founded to promote citizenship, to better the Chinese community and to combat anti-Chinese sentiment. A non-partisan, non-profit organization, the CACA continues to champion civil and immigrant rights and the community's welfare while providing a rich program of activities for its constituents.

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Hmong National Development (HND)

- The HND is a national nonprofit organization building capacity to ensure the full participation of Hmong in society. Today, HND provides programs and resources for youth, local, Hmong Mutual Assistance Associations and service providers, Hmong businesses, and organizes the Hmong National Conference. Additionally, HND advocates for the Hmong Americans by working on issues and policies that impact the community.

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Indian American Center for Political Awareness (IACPA)

- The IACPA is a national, professionally staffed organization dedicated to serving the Indian American community in the United States. Our mission is to increase political awareness in the Indian American community and encourage participation by the Indian American community in the American democracy.

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Japanese American Citizen League (JACL)

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Korean American Coalition (KAC)

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Leadership Education for Asian Pacific (LEAP)

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National Alliance of Vietnamese Service Agencies

- The mission of NAVASA is to empower the Vietnamese community in the United States and facilitate the transition of Vietnamese refugees and immigrants from dependency to self-sufficiency. NAVASA works with national and local affiliates to support its member agencies; to strengthen national advocacy capability and, to promote the integration of the Vietnamese American community into American society. The member agencies work with refugees and immigrants (both Vietnamese and non-Vietnamese) at the local and regional level while NAVASA coordinates and develops national programs, initiatives and resources.

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National Asian American Pacific Islander Mental Health Association (NAAPIMHA)

- The mission of NAAPIMHA is to promote the mental health and well being of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. NAAPIMHA advocates on behalf of AAPI mental health issues as well as serves as a forum for effective collaboration and networking between stakeholders of community based organizations, consumers, family members, service providers, program developers, researchers, evaluators and policy makers representing the various ethnic and regional differences.

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National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA)

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National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF)

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National Asian Pacific Center on Aging

- The National Asian Pacific Center on Aging has been dedicated to serving aging Asian and Pacific Islanders. NAPCA programs and projects provide thousands of elders across America with a voice and opportunity to improve their quality of life. Through NAPCA's employment programs, multilingual community forums and healthcare education, elders maintain significant and valuable members of their communities.

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National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (National CAPACD)

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National Federation of Filipino American Association (NAFFAA)

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National Korean American Service and Education Consortium (NAKASEC)

- NAKASEC seeks to empower and improve the lives of Korean Americans through: grassroots organizing, political participation, public education, dialogue facilitation, coalition building, community organization assistance, and the promotion of Korean cultural heritage. NAKASEC is affiliated with the Korean Resource Center in Los Angeles, the Korean American Resource and Cultural Center in Chicago, and the Young Korean American Service and Education Center in Flushing, NY.

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Sikh Coalition

- An effort to educate the greater North American community on Sikhs and Sikhism; the coalition seeks to safeguard the rights of all citizens as well as to promote the Sikh identity and communicates the collective interests of Sikhs. The coalition serves as a response for all organizations and individuals as well as a point of contact to Sikh people. Sikh Coalition has developed affiliations in Boston, D.C., Chicago, Houston, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

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- South Asian American Leaders of Tomorrow is a national non-profit organization dedicated to building leadership and civic engagement from within the South Asian American community. Their current activities center around volunteerism, community awareness and advocacy, and mentorship.

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Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF) formerly (SMART)

- Our aim is to build bridges of understanding, to help foster greater social harmony and acquaintance of Sikhs as an integral, active part of the wonderfully diverse American community. SMART is ultimately dedicated towards the betterment of the Sikh American community and its active participation in the greater American policy. SMART is a non-profit organization with a diverse membership across North America.

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